

## **AGENDA ITEM VIII D**

### **REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER**

#### **NLII CONFERENCE**

##### **STAFF COMMENT**

During January 28-30, 2001. Mr. Gerard Killebrew and Mr. Mike Abbiatti represented the Board of Regents at the National Learning Infrastructure Initiative Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. This meeting focused on a wide variety of learning/information technology issues facing higher education nationwide. Attached for your information is a copy of the agenda.

## **AGENDA ITEM VIII A**

### **REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER**

#### **LUMCON**

#### **STAFF COMMENT**

At its meeting of January 25, 2001, the Board of Regents adopted the following:

**The Board of Regents directs the staff to convene a meeting of appropriate parties to address recommendations contained in the report of the external review committee that recently assessed the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium. Participants in this meeting shall include the Board of Regents Executive Committee, the Board of Regents LUMCON Committee, Regents' staff, the LUMCON Executive Board, the LUMCON Executive Director, and other private/public agency representatives, as the staff deems appropriate. Further, to assist in this effort, the staff shall engage the services of the Chairman of the external review committee (or another member if he is unavailable) to oversee and direct this meeting. The staff is further directed to report back to the LUMCON Committee and the full Board of Regents the status and progress of the above.**

Upon approval of the motion above, the staff first contacted Dr. Don Wright, Chair of the external review committee, to determine if he would be willing to assume the task described above. Dr. Wright agreed to serve and his schedule was consulted for the earliest available dates.

The staff then contacted all affected parties to determine their availability and to match it with Dr. Wright's schedule. It was determined that the date with the fewest conflicts would be April 10<sup>th</sup>.

The staff has since been in contact with Dr. Wright to formulate a *modus operandi* for the meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Once an agenda has been finalized, it will be mailed to all involved. The discussions at this meeting and any subsequent results will be reported to the Board of Regents at its April 26, 2001 meeting.

## **AGENDA ITEM VIII B**

### **REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER**

#### **STATUS OF ONGOING EXTERNAL REVIEWS**

##### **STAFF COMMENTS**

**1. Existing/Proposed Ph.D. Programs in Speech/Language/Hearing Sciences - LSU and ULL**

A team of external consultants (Dr. Robert Fox, Ohio State University (Chair); Dr. Richard Hurtig, University of Iowa; and Dr. Rosalind Scudder, Wichita State University) visited Louisiana during March 12-15, 2001 to conduct on-site reviews of LSU's existing Ph.D. program in Communication Disorders and ULL's proposed Ph.D. program in Applied Language and Speech Sciences. Their report to the Board of Regents is officially due May 15, 2001, but indications are that the report will be received much earlier.

**2. Proposed Doctor of Audiology - La Tech, LSU, and LSUHSC**

Louisiana Tech University and the Louisiana State University Health Science Center have submitted proposals for new Doctor of Audiology programs; a similar proposal from Louisiana State University is due shortly. Once all proposal have been received, the consultants selection process will begin with on-site visits anticipated for April-June, 2001.

**3. Other Proposed Graduate Programs**

**a. Southeastern Louisiana University**

The staff is the process of engaging the services of teams of external consultants to review proposals from Southeastern Louisiana University for new M.A. in Organizational Communications, M.S. in Integrated Science and Technology, and M.A. in Applied Sociology programs. On-site visits by consultant teams to review these proposed programs are anticipated for April-June, 2001.

**b. Nicholls State University**

The staff recently received a proposal from Nicholls State University for a new M.S. program in Applied Marine and Environmental Biology. A list of prospective consultants will be formulated, sent to Nicholls for a response, and then a review panel selected. An on-site visit by the chosen consultant team to review the proposed program is anticipated for June, 2001.

## **AGENDA ITEM VIII C**

### **REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER**

#### **MARCH, 2001 MEETING OF THE STATEWIDE COUNCIL OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS**

##### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Attached for your information and use is a copy of the tentative agenda for the March 22, 2001 meeting of the Council of Chief Academic Officers (see Attachment). Mr. Killebrew will comment further on Council activities during the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting on March 21, 2001.

**TENTATIVE AGENDA  
STATEWIDE COUNCIL OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS**

**March 22, 2001**

**10:30 a.m. on Immediately Upon Adjournment of the Board of Regents Meeting  
First-Floor Conference Room  
150 Third St., State Office Building  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Minutes of January 4, 2001 Meeting - Gerard Killebrew**
- III. Teacher Education Initiatives - Jeanne Burns**
- IV. Proposed New Policies for Statewide General Education Requirements and Defining Undergraduate Degree Programs - Gerard Killebrew**
- V. Presentation by the Louisiana Library Network Commission Regarding Proposed New Library Management System - Ralph Boe', Jennifer Cargill, and Kay McIntyre**
- VI. Items for Future Discussion**
- VII. Roundtable Presentations**
- VIII. Adjournment**